

OADA HoF Bio: Mark Horak, CAA

Mark received a Bachelor of Science in Health and PE from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas in 1982. He went on to earn a Master of Science, specializing in School Administration from Texas A&I University and a Principal Administrative License from Lewis and Clark College.

Mark began his career in education as a teacher and coach at Churchill High School in San Antonio, Texas in football, baseball and basketball from 1982-1989. His baseball team won the district title his first year as head coach in 1986. Mark, Kristin and Kate moved to Oregon in 1989, and he joined Central Catholic High School. His tenure spanned 17 years as he taught a variety of subjects, chaperoned many Search Retreats with students and was head baseball coach and assistant football coach from 1989-1994. He moved into the role of Vice Principal and Dean of Students at Central Catholic from 1995-1998. In the Fall of 1998, he became Athletic Director and held that role through the 2007 school year.

Mark moved to the Lake Oswego School District serving as the Athletic Director at Lake Oswego High School for 7 years from 2007-2014. Following his time at Lake Oswego, Mark moved across the Three Rivers League to West Linn High School and was Athletic Director and Vice Principal for 6 years from 2014-2020. Mark's final stop took place when he took over the reigns as Athletic Director and Assistant Principal at Lakeridge High School from 2020 until he retired in 2024. He was passionate about the students in each of the high schools where he worked. His reputation of hiring and supporting outstanding coaches resulted in multiple state championships throughout his Athletic Director career. All four schools benefited greatly from his leadership.

Mark was a member of the NIAAA since 1998, a lifetime member of the NIAAA since 2003, NIAAA Awards Committee from 2002-2007 and was on the NIAAA Executive Board from 2013-2016. He served the OADA as an Executive Board Member serving as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, President and Past President from 2002-2007. He has been a member of the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association from 1993 to present and a member of the Texas High School Coaches Association from 1982-1989. Mark was a National

Federation of High Schools ASEP Instructor from 1999-2004, ASEP certified since 1999 and a Certified Athletic Administrator from 2002 to present.

Mark was honored as the Outstanding Senior in Education Award at Trinity University in 1982, with the NFHS Citation Award in 2013, the NIAAA Distinguished Service award in 2010, the NIAAA State Award of Merit, State of Oregon 2009 and the OADA 4A Athletic Director of the year in 2006.

Mark had the privilege of having both of his children at schools where he was an Athletic Director and Administrator and was able to watch them compete firsthand in sports and school activities. Kate played soccer and graduated from Central Catholic in 2004. She went on to play soccer at Carroll College in Montana. Mark had the opportunity to watch Jordan graduate from Lake Oswego High School where he played football and baseball. While at Lake Oswego High School, he celebrated the 2012 football state championship on the field with Jordan who graduated in 2014. Jordan went on to play baseball at the University of Portland. It gave Mark and Kristin so much happiness to be part of their children's high school and college athletic experiences.

Mark and his wife Kristin have been married for 41 years whereby they got married in between baseball games in San Antonio. Mark believes that Kristin's support has allowed him to achieve many things over the course of his career and has been with him every step of the way. Over the course of their marriage, they prided themselves in building a strong family foundation with their two children, their spouses and two granddaughters. Their daughter Kate Miller is a high school counselor and assistant girl's varsity soccer coach at Central Valley High in Spokane Valley, WA. Her husband Marcus is the Sales Manager at Sonderen Packaging. Kate and Marcus have two daughters, Maisyn (8) and Kamdem (6). Their son Jordan and his wife Rachel live in Kirkland, WA. Jordan works for Intuitive, a Robotics Medical device company and his wife Rachel, is a Pediatric ICU nurse at Seattle Children's Hospital.

Their future plans include Kristin's retirement later this year, and in late August, they will travel to the Czech Republic and Croatia while stopping in Wales to visit friends along the way. They love spending time with family and getting involved in the Spokane Valley

community. The best part of retirement is helping with our granddaughters and watching their many activities and sharing cooking/grilling recipes with Jordan!

